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Parochial Church Council Report for 2019

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the Executive Committee of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity Prestwood (HTP). The PCC has a number of (legally defined) duties and responsibilities:

- to promote the mission of the Church [of England] in the parish in co-operation with the Rector
- to be responsible for the financial affairs of HTP
- to be responsible for the care, maintenance and security of the fabric of HTP and its contents
- similar responsibilities apply to the rest of HTP's Estate including 28 Peters Close
- to appoint a church electoral roll officer with defined duties

The PCC has a voice in the forms of service used at HTP and may also make representation to the presiding bishop and deanery synod on matters which may affect the welfare and pastoral care of the parish.

HTP is a registered charity (Number 1129233) and members of the PCC are trustees of the charity.

Members of the PCC from April 2019(unless otherwise noted) were:

Clergy: The Reverend Deiniol Heywood BA MPhil
Rector
The Reverend Nigel Spoor MA
Assistant Curate
The Reverend Kevin Lovell
Assistant Curate from 29th June 2019

Churchwarden: Mr Dick Rivett
Churchwarden: Ms Doreen Clarke

Deanery Synod Ms Beryl Doran
Representatives: Mrs Jean Green

Members: Dr Peter Baker
Ms Gill Bicknell ***
Mr Nigel Bicknell
Ms Caroline Everitt
Mr Daniel Everitt
Ms Gill Hart (Secretary)
Mr Robert Hart
Mr Colin McBride
Ms Laurel Swayne
Ms Laura Anderson (resigned September 2019)
Mr Geoff Watts
Mr David Wickham

*** Co-opted

PCC Meetings and Membership.

The Church Year runs from April to March: however, the Financial Year is from January 1st to December 31st (for the purposes of this report Calendar Year 2019).
The PCC met 3 times in 2019-2020 term.

Short reports of each PCC meeting can be found in the *Monthly Herald*.

Some highlights of 2019-2020

This year saw a major change in the way the PCC is organised. From May 2019 the number of meetings has been reduced to 4 with the majority of the work to be undertaken by 3 subgroups. These groups are Finance, Buildings/Estate and Worship/Outreach, all members of the PCC who are not Office Holders are asked to consider joining one of the groups. The first 2 groups are well established but we are still in the process of setting up the Worship/Outreach group which will include the Partnership for Missional Church (PMC) work. It is the intention that the make up of the groups will not be restricted to members of the PCC and indeed the first 2 groups include non PCC members.

In addition the Standing Committee has been put on a more regular footing and meets monthly in between PCC meetings to carry out the day to day actions of the PCC. The Standing Committee is (Rector, Church Wardens, Chair of the 3 Subgroups and PCC secretary).

Due to the increase in the Staff Team a quarterly Rector's report; including reports from our Family Worker, Marketing Manager and Office Manager; is issued prior to each PCC meeting to keep members up to date with all that is happening and future plans. In addition reports on Finance and Buildings are prepared prior to each meeting.

The PCC meetings have concentrated on a strategic topic, these have included PMC (see report from Jean Green), Finance (see report from Nigel Bicknell). In addition a great deal of time has been spent on the closure of the Pre School and the Children's Centre. The PCC approved the setting up of the Chiltern Food Bank and exploring further work with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), and fund raising for the Ashes Garden.

A report on the Buildings and Estate is included in this booklet (see report from David Wickham). In addition a number of reports covering all aspects of the churches work are included in this report including, Families, Youth Work, Marketing, SEARCH, Health & Safety, Prestwood on Sea, Sacristy, Trinity Herald, Mission Giving, Servers, Church Cleaning, Pot Luck lunches, & Fundraising

All PCC members have undertaken Safeguarding training in 2019, a requirement as the PCC is a trustee body recognised by the Charities Commission. A Safeguarding report is prepared for the PCC each January by our Safe Guarding Officer (Lesley Wickham).

At the May meeting of the PCC all our policies are reviewed, updated and agreed including Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Data Protection, Financial Controls & Conflict of Interest.

Gill Hart
PCC Secretary
26th January 2020

Fabric , Goods And Ornament Report 2019 -2020

The Church

No change

Church hall and annexe

The hall lighting has been upgraded to LEDs. The closing of the preschool has left the store cupboard in the hall to become available for storage of tabled and chairs. This has been decorated

We have taken over the annex store which we have used for food bank and storing some of toddlers toys.

Church cottage

Small store room has been taken back from preschool and decorated . It is now used by search

28 Peters close

No change

Grave Yard

We now have the various sections of the outside area maintained by volunteers who have done a lot of work over the year. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have kept the grounds in very good order. I would like to thank Colin Holmes for all the work he has put in this year.

I should also like to thank David Wickham for his support and all the work he has done in managing the buildings and estate this year

Dick Rivett

Doreen Clarke

Church Wardens

Family Support Worker Report 2019-2020

What a busy and rewarding time my first full year has been at Holy Trinity, Prestwood. My family and I really do feel very much part of the community here, so thank you for your very warm welcome and all the support you have given as a congregation.

It's been a busy year in Children's Church and Creche. The team and I have worked with an expanding group of youngsters and have enjoyed our time together, exploring the bible through games, stories, crafts, singing and prayer. I have established a Families space at the front of church for each monthly Family Service, with activities linked to the theme of the service which have kept little ones busy so that we can all worship together. It's encouraging to see more families attending these services, knowing that we are providing a space where they can sit together and enjoy the service. Thirteen families came to our Easter Activity morning in April and enjoyed a mix of Easter crafts and refreshments in the hall, building the Easter garden and a short reflection in Church. Together with our school groups, Toddler Thursday and Children's Church we decorated an Easter branch with beautiful eggs for you to enjoy in Church by the pulpit. Christmas 2019 was a joyful occasion for families; we enjoyed performing the nativity play 'With love from God to you' and the 3 Christingle services on Christmas Eve were extremely well attended.

A new initiative for 2019, 'Craft & Praise' has had 3 successful events so far, linked to Harvest, Advent and Candlemas. These have taken place in Church, with a mix of crafts and activities that explored the theme, followed by refreshments and an informal worship time together. The congregation has been growing, with 15 families on average attending, supported by a team of volunteers. For the first time, we held a Light Party on 31st October, in Church. This was promoted as an alternative celebration to Halloween and we explored how the children can become 'pumpkin heroes'. The party was a huge success and attended by 35 children (21 families). There was a good mix of crafts and activities, team games, a short talk by Kevin and Children's Clubbercise session led by Clover Brown. The party brought 8 non-church going families and 7 families from other local churches into Holy Trinity, Prestwood, as well as providing a celebration for families from our own church community.

I have put communications in place to build links with Baptism families. After private Baptisms I invited the families back to a Family Service to receive a bible and a blessing from our church family; last year 3 families were welcomed back. We also provided a welcome to some families we have met through Baptists at Craft & Praise and our Christingle services.

My volunteers and I have continued to run a weekly lunch club at both Prestwood schools; Sparks Club at Prestwood Infant School and Kit Bag Club at Prestwood Junior School. Forty children now attend across both clubs and Kit bag club grew as a result of children attending the Light party. Last year we learnt about God's creation, the miracles performed by Jesus, the Parables and Bible Superheroes! We welcomed children from both schools to our Remembrance Day service in November and they laid wreaths made at school and in Kit Bag club. Nine children from the clubs helped to decorate our Church Christmas tree.

Toddler Thursday is now firmly in the diary with many Prestwood parents and carers as the place to go on a Thursday morning, come rain or shine, facilitated by a team of volunteers. Numbers have steadily grown over the year and we can have as many as 25 children and their

carers coming along. Carers often comment on our beautiful Church building; how much they like coming into the space on a Thursday and how lovely it is that the Church building can be used in this way. Children aged 0-5 enjoy playing with a range of toys, playdough, a themed craft, snack time and singing time in the Chancel. We always end with a toddler friendly prayer and an active 'amen'! Toddler Thursday presents an ideal opportunity to invite families to our Family Services and Craft & Praise events.

An important focus for me this year has been to get activities and outreach in the Annexe up and running. A team of volunteers joined me in October to sort the Storeroom and Annexe space so that it was fit for purpose, and safe for families and young children to use. We recruited 2 volunteers to run Bumps and Babies and this group began in December 2019. It is a weekly group, that meets on a Tuesday morning, for expectant and new parents with their babies, so far 9 families are registered. With the closure of the Community Preschool in September 2019, we gained a large selection of toys, books and games. We are presently recruiting 2 volunteers to set up and run a Community Toy Library and hope to be open after Easter. Families will be able to come along to the Annexe on a Thursday morning, have a drink and a chat whilst their children play, they will then be able to choose items from the Toy Library to borrow.

Last year, a substantial amount of time was spent setting up the Prestwood Distribution Centre for the Chiltern Foodbank, with the support of Dave Worrall from the Trussell Trust. I am delighted that we were able to open on 6th December and have so far given out 7 food boxes; a mixture of single, couple and family boxes. Twenty four volunteers were trained in October to staff the Foodbank, this included individuals from our own Church community and those from other local churches and organisations. The response for volunteers was overwhelming and shows the depth of feeling and support for this initiative. To access the Foodbank, clients must obtain a voucher from a local Referral Partner who has assessed their need; these include the Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach in Prestwood, Holy Trinity, Prestwood, and both Prestwood Infant and Prestwood Junior Schools. Clients can bring their voucher to the Annexe on a Friday morning, 10am-12pm, and exchange it for an appropriately sized food box. We also have extras to offer such as toiletries, feminine hygiene products, cleaning products and nappies. Clients are offered a hot drink, biscuit, time to talk and are offered prayer. We can signpost them to other supporting agencies such as Wycombe Homeless Connection and we hope they leave feeling listened too and cared about.

Our partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) has been slowly progressing over the year. We welcomed Nigel Gordon to a service in September, where he told us more about CAP and the Chesham Debt Centre that he runs from Emmanuel Church. Six members of our congregation then met with Nigel and his colleague Vivienne, to learn more about the CAP Befriending role. Five of us attended Befriender training at Emmanuel Church in Chesham in February and are now ready to be called upon should clients in our locality need CAP's support. Befrienders will become a point of social contact for clients taking part in the CAP debt scheme, providing a listening ear and ideas for social connection in the client's local area.

We must be so thankful for all the ways the Holy Spirit has blessed, supported and strengthened us this past year, and spurred us on. Please do hold all that is happening in your prayers as we enter another exciting year full of challenges and opportunities. Thank you once

again to all my willing volunteers; without them, none of what we achieved last year would have been possible.

Fran McLean

Family Worker

Partnership for Missional Church (PMC) Report 2019

The last 12 months has been a busy and productive time for the PMC process. We came to the end of Year 1 – our listening year, during which we had tried to ascertain where we, as a church congregation, were in terms of attitude, belief, worship and belonging.

We are now part way through Year 2 – our experimentation year. We have agreed on an adaptive challenge which involves responding to the human need of dementia sufferers and their carers by loving service as a Christian community in partnership with others. In order to help us decide what we should be doing we plan to hold a “Drop-in Dementia Café” which will give us the opportunity listen to both those living with dementia and carers of those living with dementia. We have also begun talking to the people of peace who frequent our building throughout the week to gauge their thoughts. Both of these activities will help us to develop our response to the challenge.

The clergy have helped us all, through some of their sermons, to understand better the 6 spiritual practices that we are being encouraged to use. Putting them into their simplest form, and in the format of questions, we are meant to ask ourselves “Whose hospitality have I received today?”, “What is God saying to me in the Bible today?”, “Who have I noticed and met today?”, “What have I noticed God doing today and who can I tell?”, “What have I said no to, so I can say yes?” and “What is God up to here?” It would be great to hear some of the responses to these being talked about and shared at coffee after church.

The membership of the steering team has dwindled over the course of this year due to personal commitments or simply a lack of time. If you feel you have time and energy to spare do come and speak to Deiniol or myself or any existing team member to find out more.

Building and Graveyard report 2019-2020

All the routine services were carried out in 2019 and there were no problems that resulted in major expenditure. We did undertake quite a number of major budgeted and non budgeted items of expenditure. These comprise of:

Buildings

a) Church

The only expenditure was the repair of the soil waste pump which serves the church and the hall that failed after a power cut. Most of this cost was covered by an insurance claim. We also identified the cause of unpleasant odours coming from the kitchen area and we solved the problem by cleaning out and shortening the overflow pipe.

b) Cottage

The old kitchen floor was replaced by a new vinyl floor and the meeting area and hallway area near the toilets were decorated.

c) Hall

The closure of the preschool gave us the opportunity to upgrade the building. The lighting was converted to LED lighting which in time will save electricity and the whole building was redecorated helping Lesley Nichols to let the building more easily. The store was reshelved to make the space more suitable for varied users of the hall.

The hall experienced an infestation of mice and glis glis. The building was made more vermin proof by sealing between the roof and walls

In the latter half of the year we were given access to the Sure Start building (annex). A major clear out and clean up were undertaken and the storeroom was made vermin proof and the room shelved for use of the Food Bank. We purchased a sonic pest control gadget to deter vermin from entering the food bank area for extra protection.

d) 28 Peters Close

With the departure of Teresia we were able to upgrade the property by renewing some of the worn carpets and having the whole building redecorated for the arrival of Kevin and Gill.

A big thank you to all the members of the church that have helped with lawn cutting and general maintenance. In particular, I would like to thank are our caretaker Colin Holmes and our church warden Dick Rivett.

Graveyard

The biggest item of expenditure was the removal of all the compost and the purchase of two green bins from the council enabling us to have most of the green waste removed by the council. We also purchased a wheel strimmer allowing us to cut the more overgrown areas around the church.

David Wickham - Buildings and Graveyard Manager.

Ashes Garden 2019

'Help keep Prestwood's Ashes Memorial Garden open'

An Oxford Diocese Faculty approval for the design of our Ashes Memorial Wall was granted at the end of 2018.

Fund raising started early in 2019, and to-date we have almost raised 50% of the required funding through the kind and generous donations from our Church congregations (£3.1K) and support from the Church Legacy Fund (£8k).

Anne Douglas has kindly offered to run a Flower Festival in support of the Ashes Garden for Trinity Sunday weekend (6/7 June 2020).

We have made nine formal funding grant applications, five of these requests have been rejected, either due to shortage of funds or to re-apply when the project funding is nearer completion. The balance of four applications are still under review.

Meanwhile we have located a further five possible funds to approach, which we hope to complete over the next 2 months.

When we have raised ~ 75% of our £25k target, we then plan to approach local businesses for help with the final fund raising drive.

Any additional support or ideas to assist in the above fund raising would be much appreciated.

Geoff Watts

Report on Health and Safety 2019 – 2020

The Holy Trinity Prestwood – Health and Safety Policy (HTP-HSP) is now established as part of the church procedures and was reviewed in late 2018 and reissued in May 2019. The review highlighted a few minor amendments and clarifications which have been incorporated into the revised version now on the HTP website.

The main change to the HTP-HSP was the addition of two further policies responding to Fran McLean's excellent work in establishing the Sparks and the Bumps and Babies events. These both required specific policies to address the particular structure and needs of these events.

I am pleased to report that there have been no Notifiable Accidents during the 2019-2020 year.

John Rolfe-Dickinson

Finance Committee - Annual Report 2019

The most significant events to report in 2019 were as follows:

- We achieved a surplus of £1,000 on the General Fund in 2019.
- Our Budget for 2020 shows a small deficit of £2,000

- We received a legacy of £15,000 in Jane Thom's will

The major focus of the Finance Committee in 2019 was to ensure that adequate funds are in place to deliver our plans. These now include our Family Support Worker, whose efforts enable us to encourage young families within the Church, and to have a wider impact in the community.

Having just taken on this extra commitment, we almost immediately had a number of adverse financial issues to contend with:

- We suffered a fall in Giving of £10,000 from our regular giving base. This is part of a continuing challenge. Although the number of our standing order givers has stayed fairly constant, our finances are disproportionately affected when we lose established, committed figures from the top of our giving pyramid.
- Pre-school gave notice that they will terminate their rental agreement for the Hall and Cottage, representing a loss in income of £8,000 from July 2020.

Fortunately neither of these issues had their full impact in 2019, but this does mean there will be a residual impact in 2020.

On the positive side:

- We received a one-off donation of £4,000
- We continued to make good progress in letting our buildings for wider use by the community, through the efforts of Lesley Nicholl, our Marketing Manager. This resulted in an increase in Lettings income of £6,000 in the year.
- We made some minor savings in Expenditure

So, somewhat miraculously, we were just ahead of break-even for the year, having funded the extra cost of our Family Support Worker. A big thank you to all who have contributed to this outcome. In particular a big thank you to our committed band of regular givers, whose regular monthly donations gives us stability and confidence going forward.

We know that we face further issues in 2020 with the residual impacts of our loss of Giving, and the loss of Pre-School. We are running a Giving Campaign in February/March 2020. We are encouraging people who are not currently giving by standing order to consider making this commitment, and encouraging existing givers to review the level of their giving. We want to continue our out-reach work to make a bigger impact in the wider community, but we need to make sure we have the funds in place to deliver this.

Nigel Bicknell
Chairman, HTP Finance Committee

Marketing Manager Report for Year Ended 31st December 2019



Income

Income from lettings totalled £11,037* for the year to 31st December 2019 (an increase of 144% from £4,524 for the equivalent period last year). Lettings include the hire of the cottage, the hall and the church itself. Revenue generated from events and concerts totalled a further £845 compared to £198 in 2018.

A split of this income and comparison versus 2018, is shown below.

	2019	2018	Change
Hall	£3,012.00	£1,053.00	+£1,959.00
Church	£5,944.00	£3,046.00	+£2,898.00
Cottage	£1,236.00	£227.00	+£1,009.00
Events	£845.00	£198.00	+£647.00
Total	£11,037.00	£4,524.00	£6,513.00

The last quarter of 2019 allowed us to benefit financially from hiring the hall during the week after the closure of Prestwood Community Preschool in July. A planned and concerted marketing effort has seen the use of both the church and the cottage by the wider community increase over the course of the year. Additionally, the hosting of 4 successful events has also generated a significant profit for us.

* This figure differs slightly from what may appear in the published accounts due to timing differences in accounting for income from bookings that occur at year end and 'perpetual deposits'

Lettings

Our buildings are being used and enjoyed by the local community and at the time of writing (Jan 2020), we have 7 regular hirers of the hall, 3 of the church and 2 of the cottage. Most are small, local businesses, many of whom are in their infancy and include yoga and Pilates classes, music lessons, academic tutoring sessions and craft workshops. Many are term time only but two year-round bookings have been secured with the NHS Health Visiting Team for their child developmental clinics and with Slimming World. These two organisations between them account for a total of 12 hire hours a week so the income generated from these bookings will be considerable to us. It's been very exciting to welcome so many local businesses to our church and it has been our pleasure to be able to support our local community by opening up our buildings for so many to enjoy.

Key Achievements from 2019

- Successfully marketing our buildings to generate a substantial increase in revenue for the church over the course of the year
- Fostering and building strong long-term relationships with all regular hirers to cement our growing reputation as a welcoming, accessible and viable community space. Maintaining these relationships is really important in ensuring all hirers feel valued and recognise how much we appreciate their custom
- Organising four successful fundraising events in 2019 including a concert in February with the Aylesbury Consort of Voices, two wine tasting events with local wine expert Carole Hazlehurst in May and again in November and a Magic, Mystery and Humour night in October with professional magician, Ian Keable.
- Completely overhauling our internal booking systems to respond to and effectively manage the increase in lettings. This has allowed me much clearer visibility of the income our bookings are generating. Income can now be tracked efficiently and accurately for any given hirer, building or period of time.
- Introducing a new invoicing system which all regular hirers must adhere to which will save time and effort in administration and chasing payments
- All marketing materials and initiatives conceived, designed and implemented internally on limited budgets
- Regular presence in various church and local publications including Trinity Herald, Monthly Herald, The Source and The Prestwood Village Association website and on social media

Opportunities for 2020

- Income –the coming year will see a full 12 months of revenue from the letting of the hall so by continuing to look after our hirers and maintain our buildings, income from lettings in 2020 is forecast to be in excess of £20,000. My primary focus will be to ensure income generated from lettings is maximised and that our buildings are used to optimum capacity
- Lettings – currently, we rely heavily on (and are very grateful for) the local fitness community for the majority of our bookings. In the coming year, I would like to diversify the nature of our hirers to include perhaps book clubs, gardening clubs, local focus groups, the WI, educational talks etc
- Events – whilst the concerts and events held this year have proved successful and have generated a decent level of income, they are time-consuming and hard work! Many require additional support in terms of door staff, helping on the bar and moving furniture, all of which require financial compensation which in turn eats into profits. They do however fulfil one of our objectives of being a place for the community to gather and open our doors to people who otherwise wouldn't set foot inside our church. To this end, I will aim to put on 3 events during 2020, to perhaps include a selection of guest speakers and musical performances
- Children's Centre – at the time of writing, the future of the former Children's Centre is still unclear but resuming control over it will provide us with great opportunities in terms of additional hiring capacity and community outreach

- As always, I would welcome any ideas or suggestions for future use and indeed, if you are members of any organisations or clubs who may be looking to hire our facilities, please do get in touch!

A Word of Thanks

I am very aware that the increase in the use of our buildings has a wider impact on our church community and I would like to thank everyone who has offered their time and support. Colin Holmes seems to spend half his week lugging benches around in the church to accommodate the various fitness classes; Doreen, along with her team of volunteers, does a wonderful job of keeping our buildings clean and tidy; David gives up a lot of his time to ensure our buildings are well maintained; Gill Bicknell deals with the never-ending lettings-related finance tasks with such efficiency and Nigel has been instrumental in dealing with the finance matters at a higher level; Susanne and the SEARCH team are always so willing to help with catering at various fundraising events (and lend me their tablecloths!) and Deiniol, Liz and Fran who answer my endless questions about church life so patiently! I've really enjoyed working with you all and really appreciate your support.

Lesley Nicholl

Marketing Manager

Prestwood On Sea 2019

Every year, our young people enjoy their week at Lighthouse, and back in 2008 Christine Marsh, then LLM at Holy Trinity, had the idea of a holiday club for older people and so "Prestwood on Sea" was born. Starting in our Church Hall and then moving to the Methodist Church and Hall, three Thursdays in August see 50-60 guests and helpers participating in food, fun and fellowship. Activities include puzzles, quizzes, chatting to friends and enjoying a lovely hot lunch, prepared by SEARCH, as well as home made cakes. After lunch there is entertainment, sometimes a wildlife photographer or travel presentation, groups of local singers, individual musicians and Prestwood's very own Philippa Wallin and Colin Veysey. Transport is provided by the Age Concern bus and other drivers and the raffle drawn every week receives many prizes donated by church members. Our guests look forward to these Thursdays at a time when many local clubs close for the summer and families are away on holiday. The dates this year are 16th 23rd and 30th August.

Prestwood on Sea is a joint venture by local Christians from Holy Trinity, Prestwood Methodist, the Kings Church and Cryers Hill Methodist Churches.

HTP's "200 Club" 2019

The 200 Club was launched in 2012 at the Patronal Festival with the aim of providing a fun way of raising funds for the church. Each £5 monthly payment provides £3 to church funds and £2 in prize money, and we have encouraged our contributors to arrange a standing order to help keep things simple to manage. We have now switched over to internet banking for making payments, which has speeded up the payment of prizes considerably.

With 11 prizes each month the chances of winning are quite high, especially as there are currently 54 shares still active (with 37 members), from a peak membership of 80, as we have lost several contributors over time. So far, over the years, more than £17500 has been contributed to Church funds by the 200 Club.

I would like to encourage all of the church family to join the 200 Club, particularly as a bit of fun – everyone likes to receive their winnings – but the church is also the real winner from a fairly painless form of giving! Parents can nominate their children or others as holders of a share and you can hold as many shares as you wish.

Please contact David Chantler for your application form – the sooner you join the sooner you can be helping your church and start winning too!

As I am at present not able to be at Holy Trinity on a regular basis, I would really like someone to take on the task of encouraging new members to join the Club to boost Church funds even further – if you can help I would love to hear from you davidandvonnie@tiscali.co.uk

David Chantler
Manager, 200 Club.

Sacristy report 2019

It is now a year since I took full responsibility for the linen. To begin, I must thank the ministry team leaders and others who diligently wash, iron and fold the weekly linen. I must also thank Doreen Clarke for still washing the altar cloths as I always seem to be busy whenever they need changing.

We have been able to update some of the linen, purchasing new corporals and making new palls. All the servers' robes have been washed, both red and white. It's interesting what turns up in the pockets!

Robert, Judith and I have interesting conversations about the best way to remove wine, wax and ball point pens stains which usually work in the end.

Susan Mace

Servers Report 2019

At Holy Trinity, the sacrament of Holy Communion is at the centre of our worship. By means of a visually rich liturgy with processions, [vestments](#), [candles](#), music, and occasionally [incense](#), Worship seeks to engage us all in the wonder and mystery of God's presence. For that short period of time each week, it takes us away from everyday distractions.

Along with the Ministry Teams, Servers assist the clergy during worship on Sundays, and in all the major Festivals of the church calendar. We have a dedicated team ranging in age from teenagers to pensioners! We are also delighted that our younger members continue to support the church when they return home from their studies at University. I would like to thank the current servers for their professionalism and dedication to the worship at Holy Trinity. You are a great group to work and worship with.

We are very keen to recruit others to this role as we foresee a reduction in availability especially from our younger members as they move on with studies and work. Please consider joining us in this rewarding and important ministry: it is vital if we are to maintain the traditions of Holy Trinity – please speak to the clergy or me for more information.

I also want to thank Sue Mace who, as Sacristan, has done an amazing job in washing and repairing cassocks and cottsas worn by the Servers. She has also managed to clean up the glassware used for Holy Communion

Robert Hart
Head Server

Trinity Herald: Report 2019

This year we have again had many advertisers not paying their advertising fees. This has resulted in the magazine making a loss. In all previous years the advertising revenues have covered the cost of printing.

To manage this we have removed those advertisers who have not paid and we are actively seeking to attract new advertisers but without much success. Ideally we need a couple of companies willing to subscribe to a full page.

The magazine continues to be published twice yearly – Spring and Autumn and distributed to over 3500 homes across Prestwood and Great Kingshill.

It is formatted and published by South Buck printers in High Wycombe and they continue to provide an efficient and timely service.

I request articles from local clubs and societies as well as including relevant and seasonal information from Holy Trinity and the other churches in the community. Contributors are very happy to continue to provide input.

The Distribution manager, Peter Mace is desperately in need of more people to help out with delivering the magazines. It is a hefty job, especially if only a few people are involved. The small distribution team always do an excellent job and I am grateful for their continued hard work and diligence.

Trinity Herald magazine is a great way of keeping the community informed about Holy Trinity Church and its activities.

I remain open to suggestions for improvement or for the provision of interesting articles.

Thanks

Yvonne Wilding
Editor.

Safeguarding Report 2019 – 2020

During the past year there has been one internal incident which is being dealt with following the advice from the Oxford Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

All the new volunteers during the year have been through the Recruitment Process. When required a DBS check is undertaken and I thank Pat Dixon (Verifier) for her efficiency.

During the year all members of the PCC had a DBS check and undertook Safeguarding Training. Any **new** member of the PCC must undertake a DBS check and complete online, the Basic Awareness (formerly C0) safeguarding module.

In October we provided a Safeguarding Foundation Course, run by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. For those who could not attend, they completed the appropriate online training. Safeguarding training is required to be refreshed every **three** years. We need to ensure that all

volunteers undertake the appropriate Safeguarding training and if they do not complete it they cannot undertake the role.

It is essential that any employee/volunteer goes through the Safer Recruitment process, and dependant on their roles, are made aware of our Transport Policy or Pastoral Care Policy. All volunteers must have a copy of and read the Good Practice Guide for Children, and the Good Practice Guide for Vulnerable Adults.

I would like to thank Liz Lewis and Pat Dixon for their hard work and commitment in administrating the recruitment and DBS check procedures.

Lesley Wickham

Safeguarding Officer

Mission Giving

The generosity of the members of Holy Trinity never fails to amaze and 2019 was no exception.

The lent Appeal continues to support African Village Support in accordance with our 5 year commitment. The appeal raised £2,520 which was used to continue the irrigation project. In addition many items were donated for the much needed "Mumma Bags".

The Christingle services raised £772 for the Children's Society and we opened the Food Bank in the last quarter with many members being trained and giving their time and talents to help.

Our Parish share (see treasurer's report) covers not only our clergy costs but a significant amount assists in keeping going other churches in the diocese.

Colin McBride.

Church Cleaning Report 2019

Church cleaning this year has been a bit of a problem. We have lost four of our volunteer cleaners over the past year for varying reasons which leaves us a bit thin on the ground. Cleaning on a Saturday morning only takes an hour at the most as Colin sweeps the centre of the nave when returning pews for the Sunday morning service, so all we have to do is the chancel and sides, mopping where needed. We are all getting older and need more help so if you feel you can spare an hour on Saturdays mornings please have a word with me.

As an aside, we could do with another helper on the brass cleaning rota.

Doreen Clarke

Pot Luck Lunches 2019

Pot luck lunches are held in the church hall on the first Friday of each month at 1.00pm. We have usually finished by 2.30pm. We pay £2.50 towards church funds and enjoy a fabulous meal brought by those who attend. Our numbers are dwindling and we would like to welcome anyone who would like to join us. We either bring a contribution to the main meal, i.e. quiche/casserole/salad etc, or a contribution the puddings i.e. trifle/ice cream/mousse etc.

If you would like to come please speak to me, we would love to see you. You will enjoy a lovely 3 course meal and relax chatting to others.

Doreen Clarke

Fundraising Report 2019

This fundraising report is closely aligned with the accounts so is for the year 2019. Anything done so far this year of 2020 will be reported on in 2021.

There are many events which come under the accounts heading of fundraising. Some of them, such as Pot Luck lunches, SEARCH, Coffee fund, events organised by Lesley (concerts, wine tasting and magician's evening) and the 200 club are reported on elsewhere. Other fundraising events and activities are Easy-fundraising, the sale of preserves and cakes, the Village Charities Bazaar, and the sales of bacon butties on Father's Day and harvest produce at Harvest Festival.

The total amount raised by all the fundraising events after expenditure came to £3332. A fantastic amount.

Easyfundraising is, as its name implies, a very easy way of raising funds. If you shop on-line many retailers who are part of the scheme (John Lewis, Ebay, Expedia, Tui, Sainsbury, Tesco, M & S, Next, Viking, to name just a few) will give a percentage of the purchase price to a charity of your choice, at no extra cost to you. It is a well-worth exercise. If you are not yet registered under this scheme and would like to be then please go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and register with Holy Trinity – Prestwood. Amazon withdrew from the scheme some time ago, but there must be a way of becoming a designated charity on their Amazon Smile. I will look into that when I have time.

This year we, Holy Trinity, took on the organisation of the Village Charities Bazaar at the Village Hall. Despite the horrendous weather on the afternoon, this was quite profitable, with the proceeds from the door, refreshments and raffle all coming to us as well as the proceeds from our table sales. The other organisations were grateful we had taken it on and expressed a wish for us to continue with it. The Village Hall is already booked for Saturday 7th November.

The horrendous weather continued and meant that Roger and Jane had to cancel the Christmas Market at Peterley due to the car-parking fields being flooded. With 336 jars of jams, pickles, marmalades etc., several freezers full of cakes and bags of craft items this could have been an absolute disaster. However, we managed to book stalls at Missenden Abbey Christmas Market and Iver Parish craft sale coinciding with their Christmas Tree Festival, and with home grown sales from within the church following these two events, we have managed to shift most of the produce and craft items. These sales, combined with sales of left-overs from last year, and sales of jams made and sold at the Great Dorset Steam Fair contributed over £1100 to the grand fundraising total. My thanks to all the bakers and makers for all their efforts.

My thanks go to all the people who have helped make these events a success, whether by making, helping, selling or buying. We could not do it without you.

Jean Green

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SEARCH Report 2019

2019 SEARCH has been pleased to cater for a number of enjoyable events again this year. Some regular, such as, The Pancake Party, Easter Celebration, Seniors Tea afternoon, Christmas mince pies and mulled wine and Prestwood on Sea, and some special events for our community, especially Nigel's 1st Communion Service and our New Members Evening. Also this year, we've tried a Harvest Breakfast which seemed to be enjoyed and worked well; supporting Fran in refreshments for Craft and Praise; catering at the Autumn Craft Fayre at HTP and the Village Carol Party and helping with refreshments at the Village Charity Bazaar. In 2019 we returned a small surplus of £202.37, enabling us to make a contribution to church funds. This is our first full year without Jane at the helm and we miss her and all she brought to us, but think that she would be happy to see that we are getting on with it and enjoying what we do as a team. We would like to say a big thank you to Colin who is helping us prepare our new storage area. The new store will allow us to have access to our equipment if other buildings are let and, more importantly, means we can safely store the beautiful china that Jane gave us which we use at The Seniors Tea Party and Christian Aid High Tea at HT. We are a team of thirteen since Su Mace joined us earlier in the year. If you'd like to join us too you'd be very welcome, you need only help at the events that fit with your diary ...and... we do enjoy ourselves!

Susanne Baker on behalf of The SEARCH Team